

Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

The Role of the African Diaspora in America

2015 Conference – Special Guests from Uganda and Tanzania

Organizer: Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation (CECF)

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Location: ISWA, 2701Briggs Chaney Rd,

Silver Spring, MD 20905

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Seating is limited

Conference Registration: \$35 per person or

\$50 (husband & wife)

VISION AND INTRODUCTION

- Who are the African Diaspora in America?
- The Diaspora's Contributions to Africa throughout History
- The Potential Impact of the African Diaspora on Their Countries of Origin

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Encouraging the African Diaspora to think of potential projects that they can conduct in various African countries
- Shed light on what others are doing
- Partner with CECF and its various programs to create something similar in their countries
- Encouraging the African Diaspora to partner with Al Basheer to establish branches in their countries that promote progressive understanding of "Muslims in the 21st Century"
- Having the African Diaspora to promote harmonious relationships with other religions and cultures, local and global cooperation with other faith traditions on sustainable development programs and peace-building programs that promote tolerance and respect for religious and cultural diversity

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & SCHEDULE

09:00 AM - Registration (Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water & Snacks)

09:30 AM - DOS African Bureau Remarks

 $09:40~\mathrm{AM}$ - DOS International Diaspora Forum Remarks

09:50 AM - Address by Imam Mohamad Bashar Arafat

10:10 AM - African Diaspora Projects - (3) 10-Minute Presentations

10:45 AM - Break (Refreshments)

11:00 AM - Breakout Sessions

11:30 AM - Breakout Session Summaries Presented

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:45 PM - Open Discussion

01:15 PM - Break - (Wudu & Salatul Thuhr)

02:00 PM - Where Do We Go From Here?

02:30 PM - Program Concludes - Network with the 2015 IOP Delegates from Uganda & Tanzania